

Vocab for the 2017-2018 School Year

#1 Convey

- a) To communicate a message or information
- b) Verb
- c) I conveyed my frustration with this plan when I spoke to its main organizer.

#2 Rural

- a) In the countryside or in farm country (and not the city)
- b) Adjective
- c) During our road trip, we drove through rural Virginia and saw all kinds of hills and valleys and open spaces.

#3 Designate

- a) To choose someone for a specific job or position
- b) Verb
- c) We designated Riley to be the person in charge of our new club because of her responsible and respectful behavior.

#4 Liberate

- a) To set someone free from a situation where their freedom is very limited
- b) Verb
- c) Brandon was accused of a crime that he did not commit, and he felt liberated when the jury found him not guilty.

#5 Feeble

- a. Lacking in force or effectiveness; weak
- b. adjective
- c. My brother always gave feeble excuses for why he could not do homework each night.

#6 Opportunist

- a. a person who takes advantage of a situation for personal gain, often by ignoring whether it is the right or wrong thing to do
- b. noun
- c. Harry accused Kellen of being an opportunist because he deliberately neglected homework when he knew a teacher would be absent the next day.

#7 Tremble

- a) To shake uncontrollably, usually because of excitement, nervousness, or physical weakness
- b) Verb
- c) I could feel myself trembling at the concert as I waited to hear my name called backstage.

#8 Ignorance

- a) Lack of knowledge or information; not knowing or being aware of something
- b) Noun
- c) His co-workers did not follow politics, so when he tried to talk to them about the election, their ignorance was obvious.

#9 Unforeseen

- a) Not expected or predicted
- b) Adjective
- c) The car trouble was unforeseen, so we arrived much later than we said we would.

#10 Deteriorate

- a) To become worse over time
- b) Verb
- c) My guitar skills deteriorated after I stopped playing for 10 years.

#11 Meticulous

- a) Very careful and precise
- b) Adjective
- c) My teacher commended my meticulous work on the Science project.

#12 Commend

- a) To give praise; to compliment
- b) Verb
- c) I commended the student for her meticulous work on her Science project.

#13 Skeptical

- a) Showing doubt or uncertainty
- b) Adjective
- c) I was skeptical that Ms. Smith would actually pay the students \$100 for not using their phones over the summer.

#14 Bombard

- a) To attack constantly
- b) Verb
- c) The reporter bombarded the politician with questions after he made a statement that many people were skeptical about.

#15: Defer

- a) To put off or delay
- b) Verb
- c) The person deferred admission to college for a year, so he started school in the Fall of 2011.

#16: Fester

- a) To rot or wither
- b) Verb
- c) The wound festered on Jim's foot for weeks after he punctured it on a nail.

#17 Disheveled

- a) Untidy; messy (usually about a person's hair, clothing, or appearance)
- b) Adjective
- c) Cynthia looked completely disheveled as she arrived home from a very long day at work.

#18 Indifferent

- a) Having no particular interest or sympathy; unconcerned
- b) Adjective
- c) I watched the football game so I could be with my friends; I was indifferent about who would win the game.

#19 Implore

- a) To beg desperately
- b) Verb
- c) I had to implore my parents to let me go to the dance even though I got a demerit.

#20 Vigor

- a) With enthusiasm or energy
- b) Noun
- c) I ran with renewed vigor, and I crushed my personal record as a result.

#21 Genuine

- a) Real and sincere; not phony
- b) Adjective
- c) I was being genuine when I told my parents that I wanted to stop playing basketball.

#22 Prejudice

- a) Unfair or unjust opinions about a person or group that is not based on facts
- b) Noun
- c) The group's prejudice was on full display when they started asking their members if they could really trust a woman in charge.

#23 Precariously

- a) Dangerously
- b) Adverb
- c) The squirrel dangled precariously on the tree branch, but managed to pull himself up.

#24 Raucously

- a) Very loudly
- b) Adverb
- c) The crowd cheered raucously when the home team took to the field.

#25 Rights

- a) freedoms that cannot be denied to any person
- b) noun
- c) "I know my rights, and I want a lawyer!" he said to the detective.

#26 Assuage (pronounced "uh-SAGE")

- a) to make an unpleasant feeling go away or less intense
- b) verb
- c) I assuaged my thirst when I bought myself a Gatorade.

#27 Eccentric

- a. unusual; peculiar; unconventional
- b. adjective
- c. My neighbor is a bit eccentric; he owns twelve cats, only wears mismatched shoes, and talks with a British accent when he grew up in Missouri.

#28 Malevolent

- a. having or showing a wish to do evil to others
- b. Adjective
- c. Professor Snape looked at Harry with a malevolent glare when Harry defeated Malfoy once again.

#29 Sluggish

- a) Without energy; inactive
- b) Adjective
- c) I was very sluggish this morning because I studying for my quiz until 2:00 AM.

#30 Fruitless

- a) not achieving the desired results; useless
- b) adjective
- c) Despite having friends in the movie business, John's pursuit of acting was ultimately fruitless.